DMDC ID and SSN Reduction

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Background

- It is DoD policy to reduce the use of the SSN and reinforce the growing culture of protection for Personally Identifiable Information (PII).
- Changes are designed to reduce the risk of identity theft to the DoD population while maintaining continuity of DoD business processes.
- The plan call for complete elimination of the SSN from printed ID Card media that began on 1 June 2011 and from bar codes beginning in December 2012.

Key Points

- Beginning on 1 June 2011, the SSN will no longer be printed on any DoD ID card.
- All DoD ID cards will display a DoD Identification Number.
- A DoD Benefits Number will be displayed on only those cards that convey a benefit.
- Card holders will be reissued a new card upon expiration of their current card.
- Beginning in December 2012, the SSN will no longer be embedded in the card's bar codes.

Removal from DoD ID Cards

Phase One - Began December 2008

Remove the visible printed dependent SSN from Dependent Identification and Privilege cards and replace with "XXX-XX-XXXX."

Phase Two - Began 1 June 2011

Remove all visible printed SSNs from all remaining cards.

Replace SSN with DoD Identification Number on all cards.

Add DoD Benefits Number on cards authorizing benefits & entitlements (ie. Medical, etc.)

Phase Three - Begin December 2012

Remove SSNs from barcodes on all cards.

All phases will be implemented as part of the normal card lifecycle process.

DoD Identification Number

- **The DoD ID Number:**
  - will replace the SSN as the Geneva Conventions Serial Number for the United States
  - is a unique 10-digit number assigned by DEERS currently in use by most enterprise systems
  - is also known as known as the Electronic Data Interchange-Personal Identifier (EDI-PI)
  - can be populated in new systems through DMDC web service
- **DoD ID Number to be printed on all ID Cards**
- **DoD ID Number currently exists in all ID Card Bar Codes.**

DoD Benefits Number

- Number already exists in DEERS and is in use
- Eleven digit number tied to sponsor
- DoD Benefits Number is only printed on cards that convey benefits
- Primary use is to support access to medical benefits
- Meets TMA requirements – no lapse in benefits

DoDI 1000.30, August 1, 2012, Subject: Reduction of Social Security Number (SSN) Use Within DoD.

- Reduce or eliminate the use of SSNs whenever possible.
- SSNs not to be used in spreadsheets, hard copy lists, electronic reports, or collected in surveys unless they meet acceptable use criteria (such as required by law or other operational requirements).
- Specific reviews of forms and systems shall be conducted to reduce SSN use.
- Justification for SSN usage must be documented in accordance with DoDI 1000.30 and approved by the Defense Privacy and Civil Liberties Office (DCPLO).
- The recommended alternative to the SSN is the DoD ID Number.

Summing it Up

- Foundation is in place.
- Alternatives have been developed and will be available to replace most instances of SSNs.
- Changes must be cost effective – coincide with lifecycle changes.
- Avoid ‘Unintended Consequences’ and interruptions to services.
- DoD is making meaningful changes that are forward looking

Questions

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